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1. The present Russian strength in the Güstrow area is at most 4,500 men, with armored troops in preponderance. The average age of these troops is 22 - 23, with a maximum age limit of 28.
2. All other troops stationed in this area, with numerous tanks, left between 11 and 20 December 1946 for an unknown destination.
3. There remain in the area approximately 100 tanks, which appear to be of an improved type of T-34.
4. Morale of the troops remaining in the Güstrow area is poor. Their clothing, including that of officers, is in a poor condition and they have not received their pay for some time. Consequently, they frequently get out of hand vis-à-vis the civilian population, and, although the resulting disciplinary action is severe, the whole atmosphere is one of slackness and muddle.
5. Training still takes place in the area, both square-bashing and field exercises; but, since the departure of the main forces mentioned in paragraph 2, it has been confined to bodies of not more than fifty men at a time.
6. In the Landesbauernschaft there is a military hospital, with a strength in medical personnel of approximately 400.
7. Staff cars frequently used in the area

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